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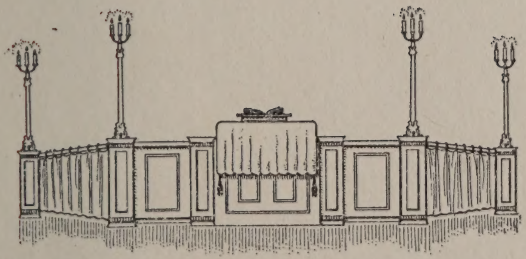
TO OUR
HONORED PRESIDENT

John Nathan

WHOSE BENEFICENCE AND DEVOTION TO
THE WELFARE OF OUR TEMPLE HAVE
ENDEARED HIM TO THE HEARTS OF
ITS MEMBERS THIS BROCHURE IS
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED
BY THE AUTHOR

Hail, ye proud heirs of Ohab' Shalom :
Rejoice this glorious Natal Day !
Thank God our Temple's raised for Olom ;
Its Altar lights forever and for aye.



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Nigh fourscore years have passed away
Since there came from foreign shore
A righteous band of Israelites,
Whose memory we adore.
They left country, home and kindred,
Prompted by Divine Command,
Hoping, praying God would guide them
To the foretold Promised Land.

One by one they beat a pathway —
As Israel has and ever will —
To a humble home to worship*
Near the shore on old Fort Hill.
With hearts and hands and souls united
In solemn vow that bound them all,
Ohabei Shalom's birth was plighted,
Its Altar reared within those walls.

*The home of Peter Spitz

Ye who sit in lofty Temples,
Stirred by Cantor's thrilling notes,
With souls attuned to sweetest music
Pealing to our Lord of Hosts,
Let your thoughts turn back with rev'rence
To that solemn New Year's Day,
When our fathers met to worship
In their own ancestral way.

Years rolled on; increasing numbers
Prayed for Heavenly help to build—
The Lord is ever with His servants
Who fulfill His holy will.
Each successive generation
Has its Synagogue outgrown,
Each aspired to place the Torah
Upon a more exalted Throne.

Behold, enshrined in pristine glory,
The sacred Scrolls within the Ark !
The Ten Commandments, old and hoary,
Reflecting light from out the dark !
Here, behold the Declaration,
Scribed in gold, that all may read
The all-abiding Faith within us,
In these Doctrines of our Creed.

Just as Israel in Mizraim
Moved the Ark from place to place,
So our fathers thrice have moved it
To its present base of grace :
Hovering o'er it, the Shekinah
Thrills the soul and mind with awe ;
Through our wand'rings and oppression
'Twas the Shield of Israel's Law.

From the seed our fathers planted
There has grown a spreading tree,
Off whose limbs there sprang two branches
That were longing to be free.
One branch sways o'er Temple Israel,
Elder son grown great and strong ;
The other formed the Gates of Prayer,
Opening to a righteous throng.

Adath Israel, hail the mother
From whose Tent thy fathers came !
They dissented from our worship,
But our God was e'er the same.
And thou, grand-son, Mishkan T'fila,
Born of sons who left our pews,
Yield thy meed of veneration,
Time has changed thy ancient views.

May the three-fold Benediction
Rest upon all members here,
Who aspire to build a Temple
Worthy of the name we bear.
Falter not, O Congregation !
The time has come, the path is clear ;
Our fathers laid a firm foundation,
Hallowed with their prayers and tears.

Onward march, Ohabei Shalom !
A Temple raised without a peer —
A Shrine of praise unto Jehovah —
The Lord is with us, have no fear.

¶ HOW TIME FLIES! IT SEEMS BUT YESTERDAY THAT I WAS AN ACTIVE CO-WORKER ON THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THREE DAYS OF REJOICING IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR TEMPLE. THE SOUVENIR PROGRAM IS ALL THAT NOW REMAINS TO REMIND US OF THAT NOTABLE EVENT. ¶ AS TIME DREW NEAR, I WAS SEIZED WITH A DESIRE TO PERPETUATE, IN SOME FITTING MANNER, THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE, AND THIS BROCHURE IS THE RESULT. IF I HAVE SUCCEEDED, I WILL FEEL AMPLY REWARDED. MAY THIS, LIKE ITS PREDECESSOR, REMAIN A LASTING KEEPSAKE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. ¶ FIVE HUNDRED NUMBERED COPIES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE MEMBERS, OF WHICH THIS IS NUMBER

—*A. G. D.*

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